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SUBJECT: GULF OIL POLITICAL CONTRIBUTIONS IN KOREA.

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1. FOREIGN MINISTER KIM TONG-CHO TOLD AMBASSADOR THAT HE DISCUSSED WITH PRESIDENT PARK GULF OIL CONTRIBUTIONS TO POLITICAL CAMPAIGNS, AFTER RECENT REPORT FROM AMB. HAHM ON HIS CONVERSATION WITH DORSEY (REF A). PRESIDENT PARK DENIED ANY PERSONAL KNOWLEDGE OF GULF CONTRIBUTIONS AS WELL AS ANY BLUE HOUSE CONNECTION WITH THESE CONTRIBUTION. PRESIDENT PARK TOLD KIM TONG-CHO THAT POLITICAL CONTRIBUTIONS FOR BOTH 1967 AND 1971 PRESIDENTIAL CAMPAIGNS WERE HANDLED BY PARTY APPARATUS. PARTY CAMPAIGN FUNDS WERE RESPONSIBILITY OF S.K. KIM. FONMIN HAD CHECKED WITH DRP OFFICIALS CONCERNED AND THEY SAID THERE IS NO RECORD OF GULF CONTRIBUTIONS.

2. ACCORDING TO FONMIN, HE HAS NOW ASKED HAHM TO CONTACT DORSEY AND FIND OUT WHICH INDIVIDUALS PERSONALLY RECEIVED GULF CONTRIBUTIONS. COMMENT: THIS STORY LOOKS LIKE FAMILIAR PASS THE BUCK OPERATION, WITH ULTIMATE RESPONSIBILITY PLACED ON S.K. KIM WHO DIED SOME MONTHS AGO.
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